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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Examiner: Not Assigned

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Title: MINIMALLY INVASIVE JOINT IMPLANT

WITH 3-DIMENSIONAL GEOMETRY MATCHING THE ARTICULAR SURFACES

PETITION TO ACCEPT COLOR DRAWINGS UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.84

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents to accept these photographs as Figs. 2, 3A, 3B, 4, 5 and 6 in the above-referenced application.

Enclosed herewith are three (3) sets of photographs, a black and white photocopy of the drawings and the petition fee of \$130.00, as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(h), to be entered into the above application.

Applicant requests favorable consideration of this petition.

Please charge any additional required fees or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

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Respectfully submitted,

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